of Doordarshan on June 13, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a sense of insecurity is prevailing among the media personnel; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to provide security to the employees nad installations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir, such security was further tightened after the said incident.

(b) and (c) The security arrangements are reviewed from time to time and appropriate action taken in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, State Governments and the security agencies.

Removal of Doordarshan News Readers

786. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of News Readers in Doordarshan have been taken off their task recently;

(b) what is the procedure followed for making the selection; and

(c) the number of News Readers who are now on the panel and those whose names have been deleted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The applications for casual News Presenters are initially screened at the Kendra level and those found suitable are called for preliminary audition by way of a voice test. Candidates found suitable in the audition tests are thereafter invited for camera audition. The recordings are previewed by Committees constituted by the Director of the Doordarshan Kendra.

In case of the National News Bulletins, Committees are constituted by Doordarshan Directorate. The Central Committee has normally five Members with the Director General as the Chairman besides three outsiders and Additional Director General (News)/Deputy Director General (News) as the Members. On the basis of the recommendations of the Committees, the successful candidates are initially offered trial booking. The Presenters are placed in the approved panel of casual News Presenters subject to their satisfactory performances.

(c) There are at present 25 English News Presenters and 21 Hindi News Presenters on the Panel. There has been no deletion of any names from the approved panel.

Number of Newspapers closed down in the country

787. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of newspapers have been closed down in the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, the names of such newspapers which have been closed down; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to persuade the managements to restart these newspapers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) As per the information available with Registrar of Newspapers for India, 3 newspapers in Tamil Nadu, 1 in Kerala and 7 in Delhi, ceased their publication during 1990. The list of these newspapers is given in the statement. Any newspapers which ceases publication can resume the same any time after making a fresh declaration before the District Magistrate concerned. As a matter of policy, the Government do not interfere in such matters.

Statement

List of Newspapers Ceased during 1990

Tamil Nadu

1. Hotal Thozhilali
2. Yly Digest of Criminal Cases.
3. Yly Digest of Indian and Select English Cases.

Kerala

1. Parishad Vartha.

Delhi

1. Chakrawarthy.
2. Caravan.
3. Bhakti Pravah.
4. Vanijya Nirdesika.
5. Hindi Star.
6. Ujjawal Bharati.
7. Weat D.L.F.

Cut in Domestic Supply of Maruti Cars

788. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maruti Udyog Limited has cut down domestic supply of Maruti Cars;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for reducing domestic supply of Maruti Cars; and

(c) what is the demand of Maruti Cars in dometic market and what is the supply in the domestic market at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reduction in domestic supply of Maruti 800 cars is on account of substantially higher exports during 1991-92.

(c) The demand of Maruti 800 cars in domestic market is much more than supply. The number of pending orders is about 11,350 as of end June, 1991. The actual supply for the months of April, May and June, 1991 is 4313, 4404 and 4767 respectively.

Applications for manufacturing liquor, beer and potable alcohol

789. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications have been cleared in last six months for manufacturing of liquor, beer and potable alcohol;

(b) what are the reasons for speeding up of the approvals of applications lying for last three years for manufacturing liquor, beer etc.; and

(c) what are the details of the applications cleared by the Ministry in last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Views of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries in respect of 703 applications for manufacture of beer and 78 applications for manufacture of potable alcohol from non-molasses base have been forwarded to the secretariat for Industrial Approvals during the last six months. As per available information only one Letter of Intent for manufacture of 1000 KL of country liquor from cashew fruit at Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra has been issued during the last six months.

Aircraft destroyed in accidents

790. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of aircraft destroyed in accidents during the last three years, yearwise; and